

## RUSSIAN WILL FIFTY

Many Wounded in Street Fights in Tabriz, Persia.

## TROOPS CONTROL THE CITY

Bombard Buildings and Then Charge Through Native Ranks.

## CZAR'S HAND IS TO BE FELT

St. Petersburg Government to Punish Persians Who Attacked the Russian Troops.

Special Telegram to The Star.

LONDON, December 23.—Fifty persons were killed and many wounded in street fights between Russian troops and Persians at Tabriz, according to dispatches from the Persian government, which reached London late today. The Russians have practically taken possession of the city, as all government buildings and the telegraph offices are in their possession. The dead include a number of Persian officials. Many private dwellings were destroyed by the Russians, who bombarded the public buildings. There were collisions between the Russians and Persians during the past two days at Resht and one or two other smaller places. The sudden clashes have caused considerable apprehension and complicated an already tense situation. It is thought the Russian troops will now remain in Persian territory for an indefinite period.

In Tabriz the fighting started when the Russians attempted to seize the government buildings there. Persian soldiers, reinforced by citizens who had armed themselves, attacked the invaders.

## Many Officials Killed.

The Persian officials refused to leave their offices, and barricaded the doors and windows. The Russians then bombarded the building, killing the officials. The Persians were finally driven from the post office building, which was at once seized by the Russians, who stationed a guard of Cossacks outside.

In the meantime the citizens had thrown up barricades across the streets and were firing at the Russians from behind these and from the tops of buildings. The Russians finally charged through the streets, driving the Persians before them.

## Russia to Punish Persians.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 23.—The Russian government has decided to inflict exemplary punishment on the Persians who attacked the Russian troops. To this end adequate forces will be concentrated at Tabriz.

## Failure to Dismiss Shuster

May Result in a Civil War

Special Telegram to The Star.

TEHERAN, December 23.—The mullahs has not yet ratified the action of the cabinet in dismissing W. Morgan Shuster, the American treasurer-general, in England over the demands of the Russian government. It is generally believed here that this action means civil war within a few days. Mr. Shuster announced today that he had received no notice of any action having been taken in his case and that he would continue to discharge the duties of his office until notified to the contrary.

The news of the fighting at Tabriz and Resht has created great excitement in the capital.

## EDMONDS FAMILY LOYAL TO ACCUSED PREACHER

Richeson's Fiancee Sends a Large Box of Sweets to the Imprisoned Man.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

BOSTON, December 23.—Rumors to the effect that the Edmonds family had given up all interest in the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, who has begun to recover from the injury he inflicted upon himself before last Wednesday, were dispelled today when a box of sweets and a letter was delivered to Mr. Richeson at the jail.

It was ordered by Miss Violet Edmonds, whom the accused minister was to have married October 31, if he had not been arrested on the charge of murdering Miss Avis Edmonds. The package was two feet long and ten inches wide and was tied with ribbon.

Moses Edmonds, father of Richeson's fiancée, called at the office of Attorney William A. Morse of counsel for the defense, and conferred with Mr. Morse after the lawyer had visited the patient at the jail, bringing tidings of improvement.

Miss Edmonds has remained away from the jail by advice of counsel. While there is no possibility of a marriage between Mr. Richeson and Miss Edmonds, she and her family are as loyal to him as ever, and their great fortune is at the disposal of the accused minister's defense.

Mr. Richeson is now entirely out of danger. He began to mend today, and the attending physicians expect that his recovery will be rapid. They say that his condition yesterday was due to the nervous and mental shock resulting from his act. It is now expected the trial will begin January 15, as planned before Richeson attempted his own life.

## BIG QUAKE IN NICARAGUA.

No Damage as Yet Reported—Shock Recorded in New York.

SAN JUAN DEL SUR, Nicaragua, December 23.—A heavy earthquake was experienced here this afternoon. The shock is said to have been the strongest felt in many years.

The extent of the disturbance is not yet known, and so far no damage has been reported.

NEW YORK, December 23.—An earthquake of moderate proportions was recorded this afternoon by the seismograph at Fordham University. The vibration began at 4:04 o'clock and lasted for thirty minutes, the main shock occurring at 4:29 o'clock. The general direction of the disturbance was north and south. No estimate was placed upon the distance of the earthquake from New York.

## LAD NO AMERICANS

Big Crimes in Paris Deemed Beyond Ability of French.

## PREFECT LEPINE NETTLED

Begins Drastic Campaign to Round Up the Ringleaders.

## UNDER FIRE OF CRITICISM

Talk That Guerin May Have Had a Hand in the Recent Outrages in French Capital.

Special Telegram to The Star.

PARIS, December 23.—Working upon the theory that an organized band of criminals is responsible for the crime wave which is sweeping Paris, Police Prefect Lepine today launched the most drastic campaign of recent years against lawlessness to round up the ringleaders. Although the search for the culprits is being conducted with great secrecy, it has become known that secret service agents of the French government are co-operating with the municipal police in an endeavor to run down the criminals.

## American Brains Suspected.

That American brains planned and American criminals carried out the murder and robbery of approximately \$50,000 from a bank clerk in the heart of the French capital Thursday and the robbery of jewels, at first reported to be worth \$100,000, from the corpse of Mme. Lantier in a town in the Chateau de Versailles, is a belief that has crystallized from the meager facts so far known. It has since been learned that the genuine pearls, which this had sought, were overlooked. At least, this is the police version. Other burglaries which have been reported to the police, but which have not all been allowed to reach the public, are also attributed to this same band.

The police believe that if they can catch the arch-conspirators, who have planned the series of daring outrages recently they will be able to recover the famous art work, "Mona Lisa," which was stolen from the Louvre several months ago.

## French Thieves Not Capable.

At the office of the prefecture of police it is learned from unofficial circles that the directory of French criminals which is kept there show no French lawbreakers who are capable of planning and carrying out the hazardous deceptions which French thieves have kept the French police in despair.

There is talk that Eddie Guerin, the most notorious American crook known to the police, is the man who has been implicated either directly or indirectly in the crimes. However, evidence from the police is that Guerin is a scapegoat from Devils Island, a sensational police whisper his name whenever an unusually brilliant piece of outwitting is perpetrated. Guerin, whereabouts are unknown, but he was last heard from in England over a year ago.

## Lepine Under Fire of Criticism.

For the first time since he became head of the Parisian police sixteen years ago Police Prefect Lepine is under the fire of hostile criticism. Friends of the prefect declared today that he had abandoned his intention of retiring from police work and entering politics until he had cleared up some of the crimes which have terrorized Paris recently.

"He wants to leave an absolutely clean record behind him and to satisfy the demands of duty before he leaves office," they say.

## OFFICERS HAVE HOPE OF CLEARING MYSTERY

Boy 19 Years Old Suspected in Connection With Mornier Family Murder.

Special Telegram to The Star.

DEBBY, Conn., December 23.—Edward Di Donato, nineteen years old, was arrested here this afternoon by a detective from the office of the district attorney at Albany, N. Y., on suspicion of knowing something of the murder of the Mornier family at De Freestville, Rensselaer county, N. Y., about December 12. Di Donato expressed his willingness to go to Albany and left shortly afterward in custody of the officer for that city.

## Disclosure by Records.

Di Donato's arrest, it is asserted, resulted from a search of the immigration records at New York, which showed that the only Edward Di Donato who had come to this country in the last five years is the young man who was located here.

Friends of Di Donato say he has been living here since March, 1909, and was at work at Ansonia at the time of the murder. They declare he will have no difficulty in proving an alibi. According to the detective, his appearance corresponds closely with that of the missing farm hand for whom the New York authorities have been looking.

## GIFT FROM PRISON GUARDS.

Pardoned "Life Man" Receives Gold Watch With Liberty.

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., December 23.—Guard of the Indiana state prison presented Edward Aszman, a pardoned "life man," with a gold watch when they met him good bye and wished him "Merry Christmas" today. The man had served twenty years. He departed for Cincinnati to join his widowed daughter and her children. "And I am going to see to it that they have many Merry Christmases," he told his prison friends.

## Wrecked Crew Rescued.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, December 23.—The British steamer Manzaneros arrived here today with the crew of the British schooner Virginia. The Virginia was sighted several days ago flying signals of distress. She had been driven on the voyage from Cadiz to Newfoundland. The rescue of the men was effected with great difficulty in stormy seas, and the schooner was abandoned.

## ST. LACK \$735.65

Six Cases of Distress Not Fully Provided For.

## EIGHT OPPORTUNITIES MET

Continuance of Generous Popular Response Desired.

## BRINGING CHRISTMAS CHEER

Already \$2,117.90 Has Been Received Which Will Go to Brighten Families in Dire Need.

With only one day more before Christmas, there is still \$735.65 needed to complete all of the "fourteen opportunities" for aiding families in desperate need which have been offered through the Associated Charities. Already \$2,117.90 has been received and acknowledged, all of which is to go to these poor families. Eight of the opportunities have been completely subscribed, some of them over-subscribed. Because of these subscriptions Christmas day will bring good cheer to women who are striving hard to provide for little children and for husbands too ill to work. The opportunities which have not yet been fully subscribed are numbers 6, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12. All of them are deserving cases, which have been carefully investigated by the Associated Charities.

The amounts still necessary for the remaining six opportunities are as follows: No. 6 needs \$194.16; No. 7 needs \$60.16; No. 8 needs \$137.76; No. 10 needs \$174.24; No. 11 needs \$195.26; No. 12 needs \$45.66; total, \$816.65. But as \$81 in the undesignated column is available for distribution among these six opportunities, this leaves but \$735.65 still needed to complete the remaining six opportunities.

## Five Complete Funds.

Opportunity No. 1—(Fund complete), \$18.84. Breadwinner ill. Opportunity No. 2—(Fund complete), \$218.00. Widow with five children. Previously acknowledged, \$205.00; I. M. T. and J. I. G., through The Star, \$13.00; H. through The Star, \$1; C. A. S. W., through The Star, \$1. Total, \$218.00. Opportunity No. 3—(Fund complete), \$116.34. Blind breadwinner. Previously acknowledged, \$110.34; A. G. H., \$1; Mrs. W. I. P., through The Star, \$5. Total, \$116.34. Opportunity No. 4—(Fund complete), \$53.50. Elderly couple. Opportunity No. 5—(Fund complete), \$181.19. Deserter wife with five small children. Previously acknowledged, \$176.19; C. A. S. W., through The Star, \$2.50; G. A. W., through The Star, \$2.50. Total, \$181.19.

## Blind Colored Man.

Opportunity No. 6—A blind colored man with five children, all under fourteen years of age. Wife does laundry work. Six dollars a week or \$312 a year needed. Previously acknowledged, \$288.84; G. P. H., \$5; Mrs. J. J. B., \$5; G. L. M., \$1; M. C. W., \$1; C. B. H., \$1; C. W. N., \$1; C. A. P., \$2; B. W. H., \$5; T. W., \$2; G. A. S. W., through The Star, \$2.50; C. A. W., through The Star, \$2.50; C. E. W., through The Star, \$2.50; M. L. W., \$5; C. W., \$5; M. C. W., \$2.50. Total, \$1,174.84; balance, \$104.16.

## Widow With Small Children.

Opportunity No. 9—Widow with three small children. Mother has been cured of tuberculosis. Ten dollars a week, or \$520 a year, is needed. Previously acknowledged, \$317.19; National Hive, No. 1 Ladies Aid, \$10; E. W. H., \$5; Mrs. B., \$2; N. J. M., \$1; Mrs. E. H. T., \$3; E. J. D., \$5; H. B. E., \$5; C. W. N., \$5; C. A. P., \$2; M. L. W., \$5; M. C. W., \$2.50; C. B. H., \$1; C. W. N., \$1; C. A. P., \$2; B. W. H., \$5; T. W., \$2; G. A. S. W., through The Star, \$2.50; C. A. W., through The Star, \$2.50; C. E. W., through The Star, \$2.50; M. L. W., \$5; C. W., \$5; M. C. W., \$2.50. Total, \$804.34; balance, \$170.86.

## Opportunity No. 10—A colored woman

deserted by her husband, with four children under ten years. The youngest is a baby of five months. Steps have been taken to force the husband to care for his wife and children. The mother takes in about \$2.25 a week sewing and washing. \$5.00 a week or \$260 a year is needed for this family. Previously acknowledged, \$46.34; T. W., \$2; M. O'H., \$1; C. A. S. W., through The Star, \$2.50; E. W. H., \$5; Mrs. B., \$2; N. J. M., \$1; Mrs. E. H. T., \$3; E. J. D., \$5; H. B. E., \$5; C. W. N., \$5; C. A. P., \$2; M. L. W., \$5; M. C. W., \$2.50; C. B. H., \$1; C. W. N., \$1; C. A. P., \$2; B. W. H., \$5; T. W., \$2; G. A. S. W., through The Star, \$2.50; C. A. W., through The Star, \$2.50; C. E. W., through The Star, \$2.50; M. L. W., \$5; C. W., \$5; M. C. W., \$2.50. Total, \$1,174.84; balance, \$104.16.

## Opportunity No. 11—Widow with three

children under 13. Mother is not strong and with the care of her children is only able to do a little sewing, earning about \$1.25 a week. The church is helping \$5 a week, or \$260 a year is needed for this family. Previously acknowledged, \$86.75; G. L. M., \$1; A. E. H., \$1; T. W., \$2; no name, 50 cents; Mrs. J. J. B., \$5; G. L. M., \$1; C. B. H., \$1; C. W. N., \$1; C. A. P., \$2; B. W. H., \$5; T. W., \$2; G. A. S. W., through The Star, \$2.50; C. A. W., through The Star, \$2.50; C. E. W., through The Star, \$2.50; M. L. W., \$5; C. W., \$5; M. C. W., \$2.50. Total, \$1,174.84; balance, \$104.16.

## Opportunity No. 12—Fund complete.

Aged colored couple. Previously acknowledged, \$111.34; Mrs. J. J. B., \$5; G. L. M., \$1; C. B. H., \$1; C. W. N., \$1; C. A. P., \$2; B. W. H., \$5; T. W., \$2; G. A. S. W., through The Star, \$2.50; C. A. W., through The Star, \$2.50; C. E. W., through The Star, \$2.50; M. L. W., \$5; C. W., \$5; M. C. W., \$2.50. Total, \$1,174.84; balance, \$104.16.

## Opportunity No. 13—Colored widow,

with six children. Family helping \$3 a week or \$156 a year needed. Previously acknowledged, \$288.84; G. P. H., \$5; Mrs. J. J. B., \$5; G. L. M., \$1; M. C. W., \$1; C. B. H., \$1; C. W. N., \$1; C. A. P., \$2; B. W. H., \$5; T. W., \$2; G. A. S. W., through The Star, \$2.50; C. A. W., through The Star, \$2.50; C. E. W., through The Star, \$2.50; M. L. W., \$5; C. W., \$5; M. C. W., \$2.50. Total, \$1,174.84; balance, \$104.16.

## Opportunity No. 14—(Fund complete)

\$103. Young man ill with tuberculosis. Previously acknowledged, \$103. Mrs. A. S. B., through The Star, \$2; G. A. W., through The Star, \$2; Mrs. C. A. P., through The Star, \$2. Total, \$103.00.

## Fourteen Christmas opportunities—

(undesignated)—Previously acknowledged, \$75; J. R. T., through The Star, \$5; Mrs. W. L. Penfield, through The Star, \$5. Total, \$85. Received by The Star.

The following contributions were received by The Star last evening: Mrs.



## WANT SQUARE DEAL HELD UP AND BEATEN ON STREET BY THUGS

Officers of Elgin Butter Board Announce Policy.

## INSURGENTS TAKE CHARGE

Propose Investigation of Organization's Quotation Committee.

ELGIN, Ill., December 23.—Investigation of the legality of the quotation committee of the Elgin butter board in reference to the Sherman anti-trust law will be the first official action of the newly elected "insurgent" officers of the board, according to J. P. Mason, treasurer, who outlined future plans of the board in the absence from the city of Charles H. P. Potter, elected president of the board today.

Question of whether this price committee was operated in violation of the Sherman law was raised by "insurgent" buttermen at the annual election of directors Monday.

## Inquiry Regarding Laws.

"Federal laws will be inquired into," said Mr. Mason, "and the question of the legality of the quotation committee definitely settled. There has been considerable speculation on this point. The present board wants to do business on the square."

"The majority of the directors are strongly in favor of retaining the quotation committee, but if it is found to be operated in violation of the Sherman law it will be abolished."

Mr. Mason expressed doubt that the board would be successfully operated without the quotation committee. "We have got to regulate our price according to other markets," he said, "and the price committee is the only way we would be handicapped to an extent."

## No Other Changes Probable.

He said no other radical changes from the policy of the former administration would be made in the near future at least.

With Mr. Potter's election as president there was expected to come a change in the manner of operating the Elgin board, which fixes butter prices in the middle west and is a standard for America. The new president's idea was to abolish the quotation committee entirely.

This committee was the basis of the insurgency in the board. It operates with the full power of the board and may change or rescind its action at will. It was openly contended by the insurgents that the committee operated in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

## In Charge Twenty Years.

For twenty-two years this committee has been in full charge of Elgin butter quotations. John Newman, deposed as president after seventeen years of service, predicted that no change could be made in the power of the committee without killing the prominence of the Elgin market. Among the insurgents there is a faction that believes in the maintenance of the committee, but in fixing the published standard price by the actual sales of the board.

## Oil Magnate Killed by Train.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., December 23.—George A. Wells, former owner of the Wells refinery and wealthy, was run down and killed by a Baltimore and Ohio passenger train in front of the 6th street station here tonight. Mr. Wells was at the station to meet his grandson, Wells Crawford of Duluth, Minn., who was on the train which killed him.

## Only Democrat Who Can Win Over Roosevelt—Ex-Senator Clark.

Special Dispatch to The Star. NEW YORK, December 23.—Theodore Roosevelt, according to the opinion expressed today by former Senator William A. Clark of Montana, would be elected President if he should be nominated by the republicans next year, "unless the democratic candidate is an unusually strong man."

He added that he considered Roosevelt "a dangerous man, a demagogue and irresponsible because of his insane radicalism."

Senator Clark thought Judson Harmon the only man able to win over Roosevelt.

## AGAIN UNDER KNIFE

Dr. Charles H. Mayo Undergoes Second Operation.

## LATEST FOR GALLSTONES

Complications Arise as Result of First Attack.

## BROTHER HURRIES TO BEDSIDE

Travels 50 Miles on an Engine, 300 on Special Train and Takes Penny Flyer to New York.

NEW YORK, December 23.—Dr. Charles H. Mayo of Rochester, Minn., who is one of the best known surgeons in the country, underwent here late today the second surgical operation performed on him since he was taken ill with acute appendicitis just after attending a surgical conference at Washington two weeks ago. Although it was semi-officially stated at the Presbyterian Hospital tonight that Dr. Mayo was regarded as not being in immediate danger, his brother, Dr. William J. Mayo, also a well known surgeon, is on his way to the bedside from Minnesota, and is expected in New York tomorrow morning.

A bulletin, issued by Dr. Joseph A. Blake shortly after he performed the operation today read:

## Operation Quickly Performed.

"Dr. Charles H. Mayo during a smooth convalescence from gangrenous appendicitis, last night suddenly developed symptoms of acute cholecystitis, with gall stones."

"On account of rapid development of symptoms, and after a consultation with Drs. G. E. Brewer and Charles H. Peck, operation was performed at 2 p.m. today. The operation was entirely successful, and his condition this afternoon is good."

At the hospital tonight it was said that no further official announcement was to be made at this time, but that Dr. Mayo is in no immediate danger, and his condition is as satisfactory as could be expected.

## Making Trip to New York

In Record-Breaking Time

Special Dispatch to The Star.

CHICAGO, December 23.—Dr. William J. Mayo will arrive at the bedside of his brother, Dr. Charles H. Mayo, in New York tomorrow morning after a record-breaking race from Rochester, Minn., where the two surgeons lived and have won world fame with their skill.

The first lap of the long trip to the east was made by Dr. William J. Mayo yesterday morning. It was at 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning that he received word of his brother's condition. With Miss E. Henderson, a trained nurse at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, where the brothers have done most of their work, he left Rochester on an engine. Shortly before 6 o'clock he arrived at Winona, Minn., fifty miles away.

In Winona a special train was awaiting the travelers. The train consisted of only one "local" car and an engine, but the emergency of the case spurred the engineer on to unusual speed.

The clock showed six when the party left Winona, and at 12:35 o'clock the engine pulled into the Northwestern station in Chicago, having traveled 301.7 miles. The two hours between the time of his arrival and the departure of the eighteen-hour Pennsylvania train, at 2:45 o'clock, were passed in the waiting rooms of the station.

## Condition Not Serious, He Says.

Dr. Mayo was unwilling to discuss his brother's condition at length. He said, however:

"I do not think my brother's condition serious. He was operated on by Dr. Joseph Blake for appendicitis and gallstones developed. I am going to New York to spend Christmas with him. I expect to return to Minnesota early in the week. My brother's wife is with him in New York."

The Mayo brothers are known throughout the medical profession of the world, and have cured hundreds of the malady which now is threatening the life of Dr. Charles Mayo.

Charles, who is the younger of the two surgeons, was returning west from Washington early in the week when the first symptoms of appendicitis developed. He saw at once the seriousness of the attack and went to New York, where he was operated on without delay.

## CHRISTMAS TO BE GREEN

Weather Man Predicts Tomorrow Will Be Warm and Rainy.

Christmas weather of the sort which is recognized as the proper accompaniment of the holiday will not obtain in Washington tomorrow. At least, that's what the weather man said last night, and he expressed much regret that cold, snappy breezes and snow were not considered to be among the possibilities for the holiday.

In fact, Christmas will be a warm day sandwiched between two cold days, for cooler weather is promised for today, and Tuesday it is expected the advance guard of the first cold wave of the season will make its appearance. Not only is Christmas day likely to be warm, but it is almost certain the skies will be cloudy all day and that there will be a rather heavy rain.

As soon as the messenger boys learned of the assault they notified the police of the first prediction. The ambulance of the Emergency Hospital was also summoned and the two brothers were taken to that institution.

Dudley, the younger brother, was given first treatment, as his wounds were the most serious. After Lee had received treatment he left the hospital and went to the first precinct station, where he related the story of the attack.

He said his brother had purchased the gold bracelet, which was stolen from him, Friday at a local jewelry store and had secured it last night. Lee declared to the police that he had never met nor seen the two men before, who committed the assault. He, however, was able to give the police a good description of them, and all of the police in the District have been notified to look out for them.

## HOTEL FIRE, LOSS \$150,000.

Only One Person Injured in Blaze Which Razes Akron, Ohio, Hostelry.

AKRON, Ohio, December 23.—A fire which started here this morning at 10 o'clock caused a loss of \$150,000 and water damage to the hotel and adjoining property. The hotel was burned out.

The fire started in the basement of the hotel in the rathskeller and spread rapidly.

There was no loss of life, the guests having ample time to make their escape. It is reported that one man, name unknown, was seriously hurt by falling debris.

## NO SLEEP IN RANKS

White Uniformed Hosts Ready for Attack Tomorrow on Christmas City.

## ORDER TO "CLOSE EYES"

WILL HARDLY BE HEEDED

"Oh, Look What I Got!" the Battle Cry of Santa's Soldiers.

## BIG TREE WILL LIGHT SCENE

Indications Are Town of Candy and Toys Will Surrender Before Morning to the Eager Tots.

PON a hill of frosted cake and plum pudding stands the Christmas City, and tonight an army of white uniformed hosts is ready to advance upon the walls tomorrow morning. In their white uniforms, the small ones of this great army will listen to their captains' orders "to go right to sleep," but like the eager little things they are, they will determine to shut their eyes for form's sake alone, but will strive to keep awake to get a glimpse of the Lord Mayor of Christmas City, his army, and the most beautiful thing in the world. The most beautiful thing, so says the Lord Mayor of Christmas City, is the smile of the sleeping child, when the mother, late in the night of Christmas eve, goes to the bedside and kisses the treasure heaven gave her.

## Town Sure to Surrender.

This is a great day, so great that you can say again "Of all the good days in the year this is Christmas day." No matter how much you say about it, there is always something left out. And of the Christmas City which stands there on the frosted hill, with its marvelous colors and its gorgeous gates, waiting and during the day of Christmas, the town will surrender to the army of the small people to take it, only those